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SUBJECT:EXTRADITION OF ISTANBUL AIRPORT TERRORISTS

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1. DEPT WELCOMES YOUR TIMELY INITIATIVE IN APPROACHING MFA
SECGEN ELEKDAG AUGUST 16 ON POSSIBLE EXTRADITION OF ISTANBUL
AIRPORT TERRORISTS.

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2. YOU SHOULD CONFIRM TO ELEKDAG THAT THE USG ATTACHES

HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO THE VIGOROUS PROSECUTION OF TERRORISTS UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE IN WHICH TERRORIST ACTS ARE COMMITTED. YOU SHOULD ALSO TELL ELEKDAG THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING INTERIOR MINISTER ASILTURK'S QUOTED STATEMENTS, WE WOULD EXPECT TURKEY TO MAINTAIN ITS PAST POLICY OF DEALING FIRMLY WITH TERRORISTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TURKISH LAW. YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO REITERATE AS USG CONCERNS THE FOLLOWING USEFUL POINTS REPORTED PARA 2 REFTEL:

--A. EXTRADITION OF THE TERRORISTS WOULD SERVE NOTICE TO OTHER TERRORISTS THAT ACTS OF VIOLENCE MIGHT BE COMMITTED IN TURKEY WITH IMPUNITY.

--B. FAILURE BY TURKEY TO PROSECUTE THESE TERRORISTS WOULD STRIKE A DISTINCT BLOW AGAINST THE WORLD-WIDE EFFORT TO COMBAT TERRORISM.

--C. SUCH ACTION BY TURKEY WOULD BE REFLECTED ADVERSELY IN U.S. PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL OPINION, WHICH IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED WITH TERRORIST EXCESSES.

3. FYI: ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE TURKISH SENSITIVITY TO ANY OTUSIDE ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE COURSE OF TURKISH JUSTICE, POSSIBILITY OF EXTRADITION POSES SUCH SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR US THAT WE WOULD WANT TO CONSIDER STRONG DEMARCHE IN ANKARA COUPLED WITH PARALLEL APPROACH TO TURKISH AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON SHOULD YOUR FOLLOW-UP WITH ELEKDAG INDICATE THAT GOT SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING EXTRADITION. END FYI KISSINGER

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